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A.—(*a*) The report of the Staff Selection Board is confidential and the Government regret that they are unable to publish the information asked for.

(*b*) Six applied, of whom three were B.A. and three B.A. (Honours).

(*c*) The hon. Member is referred to G.O. No. 2634, Revenue, dated 18th December 1929, which has been made available to the Press.

(*d*) The selection was made with due regard to the merits and qualifications of the candidates belonging to the several communities.

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" Do the Government think that the names of the candidates, their fathers' names, religion and caste are confidential ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" The recommendations of the Staff Selection Board are confidential. "

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" I did not ask for the recommendations. I only wanted a statement of all the different candidates and qualifications of those persons who were selected ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" That is confidential. "

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" May I know why it is considered confidential ? "

The hon Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" It is left to Government to decide who should be selected. "

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" Who were the candidates that were selected by the Staff Selection Board ? Why should that be confidential ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" It has been treated as such and it is not considered desirable to publish the list. "

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" Is it owing to the fact that considerations which prevailed upon the Staff Selection Board were not of such a nature as would stand publicity ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" No, Sir. "

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" If it is not the fact, why should it not be published ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" It has already been answered. "

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I know why the two candidates were selected who were over-aged ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" I must ask for notice. "

Education

Alleged retention of a Tamil graduate as the Headmaster of the Government Muhammadan Training School, Bellary.

* 1448 *Q.*—Khan Sahib K. ABDUL HYE SAHIB Bahadur : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Headmaster, Government Muhammadan Training School, Bellary, is only a Tamil graduate ;

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(b) whether he is unable to read or write Urdu ;

(c) if the answer be in the affirmative, the reasons why he is kept in the school where everything is taught in Urdu ; and

(d) how long he has been working in the said school ?

A.—(a) He has passed the English and Tamil branches of the B.A. degree examination.

(b) & (c) His vernacular is Hindustani (Urdu) and his work is reported to be satisfactory.

(d) From 18th June 1926.

Khan Sahib K. ABDUL HYE SAHIB Bahadur :—" May I know whether the Headmaster is able to read and write Hindustani and take classes in Hindustani ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member is requested to repeat the question."

Khan Sahib K. ABDUL HYE SAHIB Bahadur :—" May I ask whether the Headmaster is able to write and read and speak Hindustani, Sir ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" It is said that his vernacular is Hindustani."

Khan Sahib K. ABDUL HYE SAHIB Bahadur :—" I want to know whether he is able to read and write and teach Hindustani ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I am afraid I cannot give the information."

Khan Sahib K. ABDUL HYE SAHIB Bahadur :—" May I ask the hon. the Chief Minister if he would ask the Director of Public Instruction ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Yes, I will call for the information."

Mr. P. SIVA RAO :—" Is he able to read Hindustani ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I said in answer, that perhaps the reading of Hindustani is not necessary for his work.'

Mr. P. SIVA RAO :—" He is a teacher, Sir."

Location of the Government Muhammadan Training School for Women, Bellary.

*1449 Q.—Khan Sahib K. ABDUL HYE SAHIB Bahadur : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the public of Bellary have protested against the location of the Government Muhammadan Training School for Women at Bellary in its present building ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Deputy Directress of Public Instruction inspected the building and found it unsatisfactory ;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Deputy Directress recommended to Government the shifting of the school from its present building to another more spacious one ; and

(d) if so, which building was recommended and what action Government have taken in the matter ?